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Letter To the Editor

In the past there have been some very important issues that have come before the people of Appomattox County but we have one before us now that in my opinion is the most important and has the most far reaching effect on property owners that anything in the history of Appomattox County. This is the proposed Appomattox County Zoning Ordinance. Under this proposed zoning ordinance, if adopted by the Board of Supervisors just about all rights of the individual property owners would be stripped away and the entire county would be put under the authority of a zoning administrator and a five member zoning board. This zoning administrator would be a full time employee paid by the county who would have the authority to tell the property owners just exactly what they can or cannot do with any land or buildings which they hold a deed to now or may obtain in the future.

According to the zoning ordinance this administration will have the authority to regulate, restrict, permit or prohibit the use of any land or buildings in the county.

This ordinance would, I believe be especially hard on the farmers in the county, since they have to depend on the land for a living. For example if a person had a building that his neighbor did not like or anything that offended his neighbor, this neighbor could go to the zoning administrator and the administrator could by law force the person to do away with the building or whatever it was that offended the neighbor. In other words there would be no more private ownership of property. It would become community property. Your neighbor would have just as much to say about what you did with your property as you would.

Now the time may come when the federal or state government will force us to accept this, but no such law has been passed yet and it may never be, but unless the people of Appomattox County stand up and let the board of Supervisors know how they feel about this it will surely be put on us and it is not down the road in the distant future, it is under consideration by the board NOW.

I know there are some good citizens of Appomattox County, some of them friends of mine, who favor this ordinance and I do not question their right to do so, but I believe the overwhelming majority of the citizens in the county feel as I do that to adopt this ordinance would not be in the best interest of Appomattox County or its people.

So Taxpayers of Appomattox County call or write your supervisor or see him in person and tell him how you feel about zoning the county. If we do not wake up now when we wake up later you can be sure we will all wake up in bondage.

Thank You,
W. H. (Bill) Williamson
Route 6
Appomattox, Va.

Farm Bureau Held Annual Spring Meeting

Appomattox County Farm Bureau held its annual spring meeting April 12. A covered dish supper was enjoyed by all.

The Women's Committee of the Farm Bureau sponsored a cotton Dress Revue. This was coordinated by Mrs. Shirley Walton. Miss Laurie McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McLean, presented fashion facts and the history of blue jeans during the dress revue.

Winners were: Junior all cotton division: 1st: Miss Ruth Stratton; 2nd: Miss Cynthia Hix; and 3rd: Miss Mary Dyess.

Junior Cotton Blend Division: 1st: Miss Kay Stratton; 2nd: Miss Connie Gillispie. 3rd: Miss Lynn Glover.

Senior All Cotton Division: 1st: Mrs. Florence Hix; 2nd: Mrs. Elijah Farrar; 3rd: Mrs. Margaret Glover.

Senior Cotton Blend Division: 1st: Mrs. Susie Krantz; 2nd: Mrs. Dorris Smathers; 3rd: Mrs. Glenice Walton.

First place winners were given dress lengths donated by Shembers Fashion Fabrics of Farmville; Leggett of Farmville; Carole's Fashions of Appomattox and the Appomattox County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

Second and third place prizes of sewing aids were also given by the Women's Committee.

The first place winners in the Junior and Senior all cotton division will go to the State Convention in Norfolk in the fall.

Mr. Alex Hamilton, Public Affairs Director of the Virginia State Farm Bureau was the speaker for the evening. He spoke of the legislative decisions as related to Farm Bureau views.

TO SPONSOR RUMMAGE SALE

The Women of Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church will sponsor a rummage sale on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and April 26, and on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and May 3, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. each of the days.

The rummage sale will be held at the Appomattox "Depot".

The Pastor Speaks

"When my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." Psalm 61:2

Most of us know what it is to be overwhelmed in heart; emptied as when a woman dries a dish and turns it upside down. Discoverers of inward sin will do this. Disappointments and heart-breaks will do this when billow after billow rolls over us, and we are like a broken shell thrown about by the surf. At such times, we are not without at all-sufficient help, our God is the harbor of weather-beaten souls, the shelter of weary pilgrims.

Higher than we are is He. His mercy higher than our sins. His love higher than our thoughts. It is pitiful to see men putting their trust in something lower than themselves; but our confidence is fixed upon an exceeding high and glorious Lord. A Rock He is since He changes not, and a high Rock, because the tempest which overwhelm us roll far beneath at His feet. He is not disturbed by them, but rules them at His will. If we get under the shelter of this lofty Rock we may defy the hurricane; all is calm under the lee of that towering cliff. Such is the confusion in which the troubled mind is often cast, that we need planing to this divine shelter. Hence the prayer of the text. Oh Lord, our God, by your Holy Spirit, teach us the way of faith, lead us into Your rest. The wind blows us out to sea, the helm answers not to our puny hand; You, You alone steer us over sunken rocks, safe into the fair haven. How dependent we are upon You - - - we need You to bring us to You. To be wisely directed and steered into safety and peace is Your gift, and Yours alone. Our prayer should be and is that our Heavenly Father lead, guide and direct us in the paths that we should go.

Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va.

FIRST BAPTIST

Regular preaching services will be held this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

The Spring Rally of the Women's Auxiliaries of the Hisisiah Baptist Association was held at First Baptist at 3 p.m. A number of churches were present. The offering was good.

The Trying Gospel Singers of Lynchburg, will render services this Sunday evening at 5 p.m. The public is invited.

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, April 27, 1975. Topic: The Steadfast Love of God

Scripture: Psalm 136; Isiah 55

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5

It is frequently but mistakenly said that the idea of love is introduced in the New Testament and is not found in the Old. This mistaken concept probably arises from a superficial interpretation of the promises given law in the Old Testament. But the concept of love also figures prominently in the Old Testament, as the passages of Scripture chosen for devotional reading and background for this week's International Sunday School lesson show. "The Steadfast Love of God" constitutes one of the great themes of the Old Testament.

The people of the Israel of the Old Testament saw God's love demonstrated toward them by His intervention in history in their behalf. There was God's choice of their ancestor Abraham and Abraham's descendants to be His chosen people. Then God had delivered these people from slavery in Egypt and had settled them, in freedom, in a good land which He had promised to the patriarchs. God had given them victory over their enemies on many occasions, often against heavy odds. God's love for Israel was also demonstrated in giving them the law for their protection and preservation and in entering into covenant with them.

God's love for Israel was not of an occasional, sporadic sort. It was continuing. God's love for His chosen people never lagged. As their chroniclers understood their history, their defeat in battle, even their loss of their homeland came about not because God ceased to love them but because the people themselves had not lived up to their obligations under the covenant and had been faithless to the God of their deliverance. Even in the midst of disaster, the prophets who spoke for God assured the people that His love would bring about a restoration when they renewed their allegiance.

In the Old Testament (as well as in the New), the relationship of God to His people was compared to two family relationships. One is the marriage relationship, the deepest of all human love relationships. Faithlessness to the covenant with God was often described in terms of adultery, or faithlessness to the marriage vow. The other relationship is that of father and children. In this concept, the defeats and troubles which befell Israel were treated as discipline, through the loving exercise of which parents bring up their children to responsible maturity.

Not only is God's love for Israel (and for all humanity, as some Old Testament writers show), a major Old Testament theme, but man's love for God is also an important Old Testament feature. Both Old and New Testaments portray man's love for God not so much as a sentiment or an attitude but as active obedience to and service for God. In the usage of both Testaments, to obey and serve God meant to love Him and to love Him meant to obey and serve Him. This demonstration of love, as expressed in Deuteronomy 10:12, is a recurring theme.

"And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and the statutes of the Lord, which I command you this day for your good?"

The great motive for the Israelite's love for God in the Old Testament was God's deliverance of the Israelite from slavery in Egypt. God's deliverance of man from slavery to sin provides the reason for man to love God in the New Testament presentation. God demonstrates His love for humanity in acts of deliverance; humanity responds by God expressed love for God and in sharing the world. The God's steadfast love and man's love in the Old Testament these concepts are the New.

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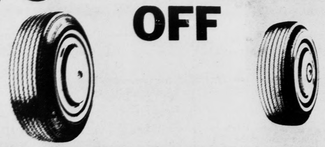

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Consumer Forum

John Hartford

Consumer Education which the main theme "Consumer Sense" spon- of the VPI & SU Extension Service August 16, 1975 at the is hosted in Lynch- cooperating in this forum were home- Amherst, Appo- Bedford and Campbell and the city of

ing over the forum and Miss Margaret , the Director of at Virginia Mrs. Shirley Walton, agent in Appomattox some Greenhouse spoke changes" and thus the of today's consumer. talk on "Simple nological change is changing our society is difficult for the in all phases of and consumption of Because of this situation consumer is a must and all interested. Miss also mentioned and the difficulties farmers have because of forms it has taken in their customers to the tenters and individual

nomy was stressed with today's econo- sphere. She pointed study that spoke of ies we know and own today may not be in the future. ment was mentioned the stress it has on and certain other of the society. She very pertinent talk statement that were more critical this day of rapid

s major topic of was Food. Mrs. gans from Amherst poke on "Buying Food showed a film "Read Eat a Better Table." Shirley Walton Save Time, Energy ey." Dr. Joseph T. Lynchburg answer- and gave a talk on Myths About Jo Anne Barton Tech summarized the "Food" portion of the program.

At 11:30 "Clothing" became the major topic in the program. Mrs. Phyllisttine Mosely of Campbell County introduced Mrs. Audrey Owen and her presentation on "clothing communicates". Followed by an interesting and very timely talk and slide show on "Recycling Your Wardrobe."

After lunch "Housing" became the subject of the Forum. "Is Your Money Dripping Away" was the topic of discussion given by Mrs. B. J. Pearson and introduced by Mrs. Jan Clement of Campbell County. Mrs. Pearson presented many home recipes for cleaning fluids that are a money saver. An Extension specialist in Housing from Virginia State College, Mr. Everette Prosise presented a talk on "Simple Home Repairs" such as faucet and toilet repairs. On a very timely demonstration Mr. Cecil D. Wheary of Virginia Tech spoke on "Insulation to Cut Heating and Cooling Costs." Closing remarks were presented by Miss Mary Hill McCoy, Program Leader in Family Resources, The East Central District Cooperative Extension Office.

Many exhibits in the categories of food, clothing and housing placed about the room for the people attending. As this was a very timely and informative Consumer Forum it was proper that so many people turned out to be informed on "Consumer Sense". We who sponsored the forum hope that more interested people will attend next year.

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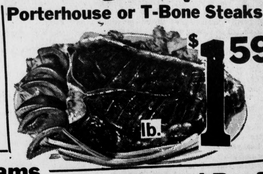

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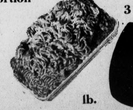

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